

**Questions for
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1. Question: Attachment 2 of the referenced solicitation includes three sample work assignments. Task 1 of each sample work assignment requires among other things "a detailed cost estimate by task." This requirement appears to conflict with L.11 (a) (1), Technical Proposal Instructions, which states, "Omit all cost or pricing details from this proposal." Furthermore, the Technical Proposal instructions require the Workplans be included in the Technical Volume. Our question is whether the Task 1 requirement in the Sample Work Assignments is necessary-- i.e., can it be deleted as a requirement? Or, if it is required, should offerors place the detailed cost estimates for these sample work assignments in the proposal cost volume as an attachment?

Response: Offerors should prepare cost estimates as requested for the Sample Work Assignments and include them with the technical proposals. They are not subject to the statement in L.11(a)(1), which says to omit all cost or pricing details from the technical proposal. That statement refers to the offerors' full cost proposals for the entire contract, which should be submitted under separate cover. The cost estimates for the Sample Work Assignments are hypothetical and are used only to evaluate the offerors' responses to the Sample Work Assignments, not the overall contract costs.